

A¹ force of the cleaning article was 24.0 N. The same rub resistance test was carried out on the cleaning article of Example 2. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A² --As a result, the cleaning article sold under the trade name GONZO PET HAIR LIFTER needed 5.0 rubs for complete cleaning and 6 rubs until break. On the other hand, the cleaning article of Example 2 needed 2.5 rubs for complete cleaning and 60 rubs until break. It is seen from these results that the cleaning article of the present invention is resistant against rubbing frictional and withstands long-term use.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Sub B¹ Claim 1. (Amended) A cleaning article comprising an elastomer sheet having a synthetic elastomer forming a cleaning surface, wherein said elastomer sheet has a maximum static frictional force of 9.8 to 29 N, [said static frictional force being defined as that frictional force required for moving a 1 kg test weight having a flat rectangular base having a shorter side of 50 mm and a longer side of 75 mm and having said elastomer sheet stuck to the entire surface of said base of said test weight wherein movement of said test weight occurs on a horizontally disposed polypropylene carpet

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